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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, HA

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS WAREHOUSE, PORT-AU-PRINCE
AIRPORT; STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

REF: (A) P-AU-P 0889; (B) P-AU-P 0861; (C) P-AU-P 0855;

(D) P-AU-P 0850; (E) P-AU-P 0837; (F) P-AU-P 0834

1. ON MAY 17 PAA INVESTIGATORS X-RAYED AND SUBSEQUENTLY OPENED AND DISMANTLED THE PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO ACEDIUS ST. LOUIS (P-AU-P 0861, PARA 3). IT CONTAINED THREE PLASTIC TUBES OF DYNAMITE (NOT DYNAMITE STICKS). INVESTIGATORS HAVE SENT SAMPLES TO WASHINGTON FOR ANALYSIS. FIRE CHIEF HAD EARLIER TRIED TO DETONATE THIS PACKAGE BY GUNFIRE BUT SHOTS SIMPLY PIERCED PACKAGE WITHOUT DETONATING IT.

2. THIS PACKAGE CONTAINED LETTER TO ACEDIUS ST. LOUIS PURPORTING TO COME FROM NICK ROUSSEAU (P-AU-P 0861, PARA 6). ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS:

"MY DEAR COMMANDANT,

"A NEW TECHNIC (SIC) ENABLES ME TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"I WILL ARRIVE AT PORT-AU-PRINCE ON TUESDAY. BUT I
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WOULD LIKE YOU TO LISTEN PERSONALLY TO THE VOICE OF THE

INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED.

"JUST CONNECT THE RECORDER AND YOU WILL HEAR WHAT IS
BEING SAID BETWEEN MONTREAL, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

"BEST REGARDS

"NICK

"FORWARDER: N ROUSSEAU, MIAMI

"ADDRESSEE: COMM ACEDIUS ST. LOUIS
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3. PAA INVESTIGATORS WILL QUESTION ALAN CLAUDE AND GEORGES
BABOUN OF HAITIAN CONSULATE MIAMI ABOUT ROUSSEAU. BABOUN
INTRODUCED ROUSSEAU TO ST. LOUIS. HOWEVER, OUR SOURCES SAY
GOH THINKS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ROUSSEAU WROTE THIS LETTER
AND ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE USED HIS NAME.

4. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM PAA SOURCES THAT GHOH OFFICIALS
THINK THAT PHRASEOLOGY OF PACKAGE ADDRESS INDICATES IT WAS
ADDRESSED BY A HAITIAN, THAT THEY DOUBT THE CULPRITS WILL BE
FOUND BECAUSE HAITIAN EXILES ARE SO NUMEROUS IN THE U.S., THAT
THEY WERE CAUGHT COMPLETELY OFF GUARD BY THIS TERRORIST INCIDENT
AND ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO INVESTIAGE IT.

5. THE DAMAGE TO THE WAREHOUSE IS ESTIMATED AT \$2,000 AND
DAMAGE TO CARGO THEREIN AT \$12,000.

6. PAA INVESTIGATORS WHO EARLIER SENT THREE BOXES OF DEBRIS TO
US FOR STUDY SENT 6 MORE BOXES, MAY 20.
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